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## **INDEPENDENT POLICE REVIEW RELEASES INVESTIGATIVE REPORT ON LT. NIIYA**

The [Independent Police Review](#) (IPR) has released its investigative report on Lieutenant Jeffrey Niiya's communications while serving as a liaison during protest events. The investigation included three allegations of potential misconduct. Specifically, IPR investigated whether Lt. Niiya:

- Engaged in unprofessional behavior during his communications with Joey Gibson;
- Maintained objectivity while communicating with Joey Gibson; and
- Inappropriately disclosed information to Joey Gibson that allowed individuals to avoid arrest.

In the investigative report, IPR recommended findings of "Not Sustained" for all three allegations and made policy recommendations related to the liaison role. The investigation was completed by Investigator Andrea Damewood, Lead Investigator Eric Berry, and then-Interim Director Amanda Lamb (now Chief Deputy City Auditor). The [full report](#) is available on IPR's website.

IPR reviewed 11,647 text messages from Lt. Niiya's phone as well as emails and reports related to his role as liaison. Investigators also interviewed staff from the Portland Police Bureau and the Mayor's Office.

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